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PREDESTINATION

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PART 2: EVERY HUMAN IS PREDESTINED

The comments made by God about Esau as recorded in Genesis chapter 25 are difficult for most Christians to understand. I have never heard a sermon preached on the subject and until now I have never addressed this passage in the Bible.

While Rebekah was pregnant with twins, it was unnatural how the two babies struggled with each other in the womb and it must have been scary for her.

Genesis 25:20-22

We can deduce there were two spiritual powers present in both boys who were clashing during the formation of the two boys. The Holy Spirit protected Jacob while demons were in control of Esau. **verses 23**

We then have a description of the birth, what the boys looked like and what action took place. **verses 24-27**

WHY DID GOD GIVE ISAAC AND REBEKAH TWINS?

Having twins was a disaster because the parents did not love each boy the same; Isaac loved Esau while Rebekah loved Jacob. **verse 28**

Look at the names given to them: Esau means "hairy" and Jacob means "supplanter" or "swindler."

It all goes back to the trial of Lucifer where he was given the legal right to challenge every human being on this planet. In order to challenge Adam and Eve, God had to provide an object for Lucifer to use like the "Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil." For the family of Isaac, Esau became the object of challenge.

A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY

Once the boys had grown up and become men, the testing came for both of them and showed that Jacob lived up to his name and that Esau didn't care about his birthright. This test forever separated Esau and Jacob because Esau could have been in the lineage of the people of Israel.

Esau did not plan his days and just lived from moment to moment. **verses 29-30**

Esau was just like King Saul, who gave away his place in history through rebellion. **1 Samuel 15:19-23**

Esau did not care about God's great plan for him and his descendants. **Genesis 25:31-34**



MORE TESTING

The same spirits of lying and fear passed to Isaac from his father. He didn't have enough faith even though God appeared and gave him a personal message. **Genesis 26:1-4**

Take note that God was planning on blessing Isaac because of his father's faith. **verse 5**

Isaac failed the test when it came. **verses 6-10**

God blessed Isaac because he was the son of Abraham. He became a caretaker of his father's faith and never developed his own faith. God allowed Isaac to prosper in the flesh but he was a lightweight in the spiritual world. verses 11-17

THE REBELLION OF ESAU BECAME WORSE

God had instructed Abraham not to take a wife for Isaac from the nations around them but Esau did what he wanted and did not care as he sank deeper and deeper into rebellion. **verses 34**

This grieved Isaac who was then in his early 80's and Rebekah, since they still believed that Esau was the first born and would carry the family to the next generation. **verse 35**

It was some years later that Esau finally understood that his parents did not accept his Canaanite wives. Trying to do something "spiritual," he went to his father's brother, Ishmael, who had been rejected by God, and married Mahalath, his uncle's daughter. **Genesis 28:8-9**

JACOB STEALS THE BIRTH RIGHT

We are now going to look at the event when Jacob stole the birthright from Esau. In reality he had already purchased the birthright but their father had rejected the transfer and was determined to give it to Esau. **Genesis 27:1-4**

Isaac had lost his eyesight most likely to cataracts and Rebekah saw a chance to fool her husband and have him give the birthright to Jacob. Let us look at the spiritual break down in this dysfunctional family:

- A. Rebekah rebelled against her husband and deceived him. **verses 5-10**
- B. She led Jacob to become a liar and a thief. **verses 11-12**
- C. She cursed herself without hesitation. **verse 13**
- D. Jacob willingly sinned and got the goats. **verse 14**
- E. Rebekah stole clothing from Esau. **verses 15-17**
- F. Jacob deliberately lied to his father without hesitation and guilt. He was not even afraid to use God's name and tell his father that God helped him get the deer supernaturally fast. **verses 18-20**

G. Jacob played out the deception to the bitter end. **verses 21-30**

ESAU REALIZED THAT HE HAD LOST HIS BIRTHRIGHT

Jacob had barely finished his theft and left the tent when Esau arrived with his venison. It is important to note that when Isaac in his blindness understood that he had been deceived by Jacob, he still could not reverse the blessing and bestow it upon Esau. Once words are spoken into the spirit world, they cannot be taken back. **verses 31-40**

WHERE IS GOD IN THIS DEBACLE?

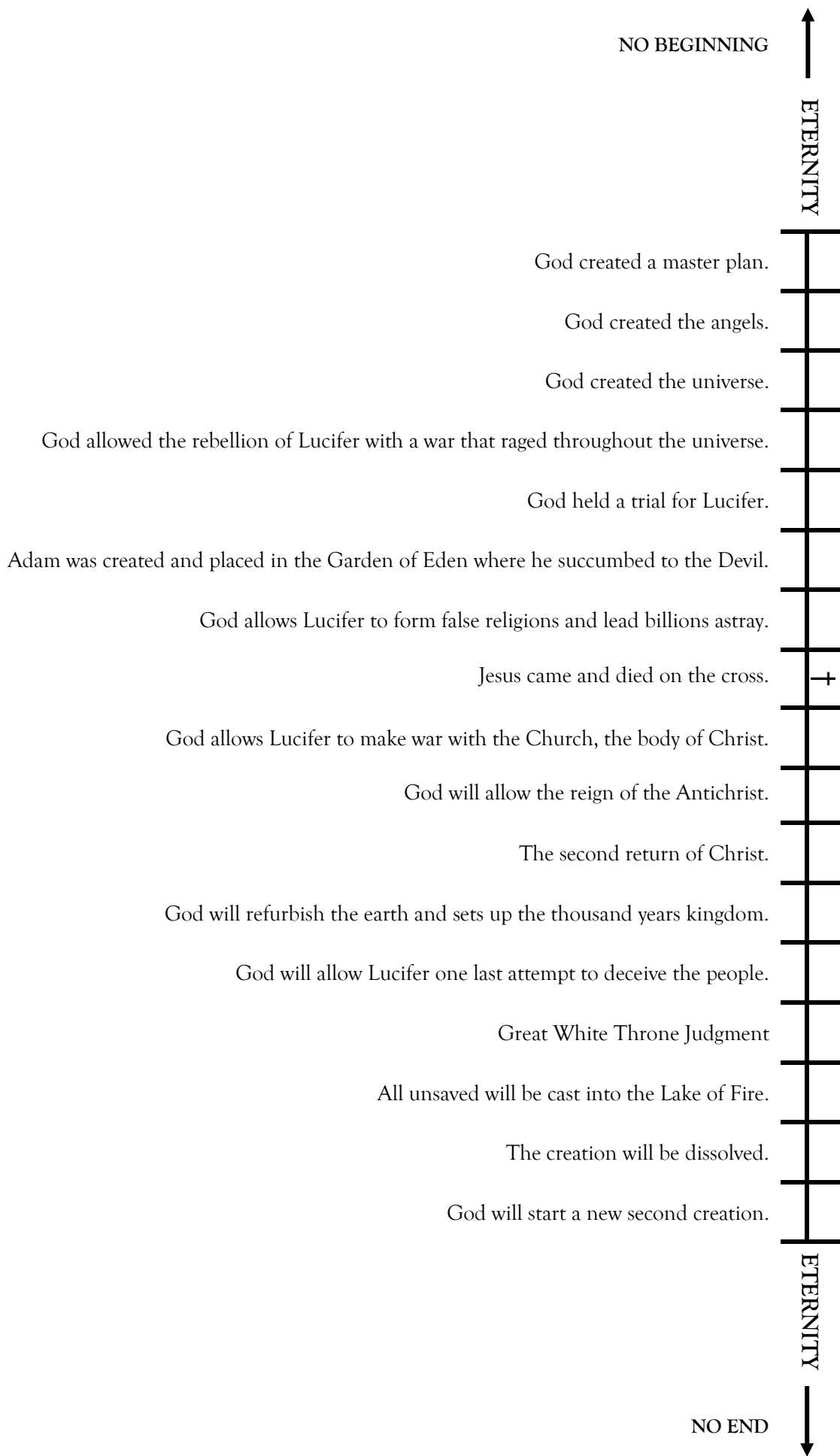
As I have previously stated, God is all knowing, and before He started the creation, He planned it all out and could see how everything would play out.

1. God knew the decisions Esau would make once he had been born on the earth. God gave Esau a free will to serve or reject God. Esau was well educated in his family's history and knew that he was in the bloodline for the future Israel and the Messiah. But he was more interested in his own things; he was driven by feelings and in his selfishness, he made the choice of rejecting his birthright. Since God knew that in advance, He hated Esau, but allowed him the freedom to be born and to make a mess of his life. **Romans 9:10-13**
2. Jacob was a liar, deceiver and a thief who had not understood God's holiness, nor did his mother and father since they could not teach him something they didn't know themselves. But Jacob was hungry to be part of the bloodline of Abraham and craved it with all his heart. God saw that Esau did not possess this hunger. **Romans 9:14-16**

God showed mercy to Jacob, and in due time, he was brought to repentance. **Genesis 32:6-12; 24-30; Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:4-10**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?



GOD IS NOT LIMITED BY TIME